

**Sharon Hill Borough
Caucus Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2026**

Quote of the Meeting

“Sometimes the strength of motherhood is greater than natural laws.” — Barbara Kingslover

- **Call To Order at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call – President Tanya Allen (P) Vice President Rodney Hill (P) Councilor Deidri Brabham (P) Councilor William Felder (P) Councilor Dr. Tammi Fleming (E) Councilor James Patrick III (P) Councilor Mimi Smith (E) Mayor Edward Booker (P) Borough Solicitor Kyle Miller (P) Borough Engineer Susan Lynch (E) Interim Chief Sean Johnson (P) Code Building Official Anthony Tartaglia (E) Code Officer Gary Collins (E) Borough Treasurer Will Morgan (P) Borough Manager Joy Taylor (P)**

There was an Executive Session on April 21, and April 27, and May 5, for personnel matters and on April 21, for a property matter. All meetings occurred at 6:00 p.m. for personnel meetings and 6:30 p.m. for the April 21 property meeting.

Council President asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add the Resolution for support of Visit DELCO Tourism Grant Application.

Council President announced that the special presentation will be deferred to our May Legislative meeting.

Committee Updates:

President Tanya Allen: Library, CPCIP

- **Library Report: Mr. Ashby** – The Library statistics from April 2026 were read and accepted.
- Bintu Gassama will be graduating with a Master's degree in Information and Library Science.
- Mr. Ashby did an interview with WURD Radio and spoke about what he does in Sharon Hill and what he does as a librarian; he was keynote speaker for the Pennsylvania Library Association; delivered a speech at the volunteer week for the Philadelphia Free Library; and, participated in a Fireside Chat about a documentary called The Librarian at WHYY.
- A Gentleman came to the library and wanted to donate something to us. Mr. Ashby spoke with him, and it turned out that the person had an old sweatshirt he wanted to donate to the library. The sweatshirt is 50 years old and was donated to the library and in turn was given to Councilor Brabham for the Sharon Hill Borough Historical Society.
- **CPCIP:** - The CPCIP Committee did not meet this month; however, the Bike the Pike event is on May 30, 2026. The event will be launched from Memorial Park. The ribbon cutting is at 9:30 a.m. with electeds from across the county to be a part of the ribbon cutting. SHB Police will be leading the effort to secure the route coordinating with other municipalities. There will also be free helmets and giveaways. The borough will have a table at the park with water and first aid if needed and we need volunteers to man the tables at the launch.

- As mentioned, in the amendment of the Visit Delco Resolution, the CPCIP wants to apply for a visit Delco grant. The grant will cover Ridley Park, Prospect Park, and Glenolden. Sharon Hill and Norwood have already received their funding. The funds will be for those municipalities mentioned; however, all municipalities will need to approve it.
- We had a successful clean-up day this past Saturday. We want to send a huge thank you to Councilor Patrick for the grant he secured from Home Depot. We also want everyone to know that if you would like to have a clean up on your own, you can come to the borough and get some of the supplies if needed. There was a personal shout out to Coach Anthony Brown, who used to be on the SHB Rec board. He and his son cleaned the basketball courts and they were exceptional.

Vice President Rodney Hill: Recreation

- Councilor Hill announced they are getting all information and dates for the Jalen Duren Skills and Drills event which will kick off on July 19, 2026, at Academy Park High School. More to come. There was a question about some of the children who may need sponsorship and V.P. Hill said yes there will be opportunities for sponsorship.

Junior Council Report: – No report

Councilor Deidri Brabham: SHACC

- Councilor Brabham thanked Trina Jones, the instructor, for the Prayer Closet event, she was phenomenal.
- The Flea Market will be on June 6, 2026, at Memorial Park from 10:00-3:00 p.m.
- Councilor Brabham thanked everyone who came out for the paint night on Friday evening.
- Councilor Brabham announced the Sharon Hill Sisterhood celebration on May 16, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 250 Sharon Ave. Please email shacc@sharonhillboro.com to register.

Councilor William Felder: Fire Department

- The monthly April Fire Chief Report was read and accepted.
- The Code Enforcement Report was read and accepted.
- Councilor Felder attended a meeting at the Delaware County Transportation Management Association and advised there is a lot that will be changing in Delaware County such as different building constructs to make it better for transportation.
- Also, speaking of Bike the Pike, Councilor Felder spoke with some individuals who do bike safety and they are willing to come to Sharon Hill and give a presentation at the borough and the library. The individuals will be here for the Bike the Pike event and will also be renting bikes if anyone needs one. The company's name is Climb, Rents and Rides. In addition, Mayor Booker reviewed some of the bike and e-bike safety rules that residents may not be aware of.

Councilor Dr. Tammi Fleming: Public Health – No report.

Councilor James Patrick, III: SE Delco School District -

- The school district is looking to ratify the purchase of 1000 Chromebooks.

Councilor Mimi Smith: Personnel Liaison

- Councilor Smith continues to work with the solicitor on the employee handbook.

- **Officials' Updates:**

Mayor, Edward Booker: Police, DCJA

- The Monthly Police Chief Report was read and accepted.
- The Sharon Hill Block Captains have been having sync-up meetings and are planning to meet once a month. If anyone would like to be a block captain, please contact me or the borough.
- There was no DCJA meeting and there has not been any changes from the last meeting. There will be a meeting about the creek on May 29, and Mayor Booker will update in the June meeting.

Borough Solicitor, Kyle Miller, Kilkenny Law

- The Solicitor asked to table the Tax Assessment Appeal Memos for now.
- The Employee Handbook is almost complete with the exception of the employee I.D. badge question. The Solicitor reached out to the Borough Manager and discussed the implementation of the employee I.D. badges, and it should be a doable process, but we need to make sure it is in the handbook itself as well. Once this is done, we should be able to have a final reading by Council and complete.
- The updated version of the changes to the proposed mobile food establishment ordinance is in the packet. There are a few significant changes which will need to be updated with council's input. The Solicitor asked Council members to review and let him know if there are questions. A couple of specific questions were asked by Council and explained by the Solicitor.

Borough Engineer, Susan Lynch, Lighthouse Engineering –

Building Code Official, Anthony Tartaglia –

Building Code Officer, Gary Collins –

Interim Police Chief, Sean Johnson

- Interim Police Chief Johnson highlighted a resident who approached him and who wanted to thank Corporal Attix for rendering assistance and care to their family member who was having an episode.

Treasurer, Will Morgan

- The treasurer reviewed the April 2026 Treasurer's report.
- The Bills and Applied Payments Report was reviewed, and 2 vendors were highlighted by the Treasurer, i.e., Domar and Academy Park for the after prom. There was one question from Council regarding Belleview Strategies which was addressed by the treasurer.

Borough Manager, Joy Taylor

- The Borough Manager acknowledged we have had a lot of calls regarding trash issues. For context, the manager explained a couple of issues that were out of the control of the Borough and the Trash Company. However, she wanted the residents to know that we appreciate the calls and want you to know that we are aware of your concerns and we are holding our vendor accountable.
- We know the alleyways are an issue; and while we have secured some funds, it is not as much as we had hoped to get. We are reviewing the list and will need to make some modifications and will be rolling out the project. There were questions and discussion regarding additional ways to possibly resolve the issue such as using a homeowner's association, getting assistance from block captains, and getting neighbors to work together as a group to address. These are just a few of the suggestions but any and all avenues will be explored.
- The manager expressed to all residents that if they know of anything we can do to improve operations, please let her know.
- The Borough Manager thanked the Public Works team for all the work they do to maintain the Borough.

- Councilor Brabham thanked the borough manager for the work done on George Street. She also urged residents to please clean up behind your dogs.
- There was a question regarding what is happening with Academy Park and the grass being so high.
- There will be some temporary signage for the upcoming Bike the Pike event soon.
- There was a question on why the Delaware County Park Police were in the borough. Councilor Hill responded there was an event at the church across the street. They had a big festival this year and it was here in Sharon Hill.

Public Comment –

- **Felton White 505 Twin Oaks Avenue** – Why are residents not informed when an issue occurs in the community. Why did the community not have involvement and/or input in the decision on the Police Dept. Why is Council not knocking on doors to speak with residents.
- **Council** – We cannot discuss a personnel matter with the community. Also, we have an obligation to ensure that the business of the borough gets done. Mayor Booker said he has been asking residents to meet with him in Memorial Park to discuss specific issues and has agreed to make himself available to the community as much as possible.
- **Tracey Turner 200 Laurel Rd** – What is the ordinance on dogs and what is going on with the street sweeper.
- **Council** – The Borough Manager agreed to send a letter to the residents regarding the dog issue. The street sweeper has been in for repairs and from a budgetary standpoint the Manager expressed that she felt it was not fiscally sound to continue to make repairs on the sweeper due to the costs.
- **Donna Hunter** – Recycling and trash. On recycling day, the trash company puts the trash with the recycling. Why are we having a recycling day if they are not recycling. Ms. Hunter also commented on the e-bikes and agreed that the issue needs to be addressed.
- **Council** – Regarding the trash and recycling we will ask the vendor, H&H. Is it being recycled and if not do we want to keep doing it. We were getting credit for that, but we are not getting a credit now. Bike safety is a concern for Council as well as Individuals.

New Business –

- **Motion to Amend Agenda to include Visit Delco Tourism Resolution**

Moved **R.H.** Seconded **J.P.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to ratify the appointment of interim chief Sean Johnson**

Moved **W.F.** Seconded **J.P.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to Authorize Advertising updates to the Property Maintenance Ordinance**

Moved **J.P.** Seconded **R.H.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to Authorize Advertising updates to the Food Establishment**

Moved **R.H.** Seconded **D.B.** Motion Passed

- **Approval of April 2, 2026 Caucus Meeting Minutes**

Moved **R.H.** Seconded **J.P.** Motion Passed

- **Motion to Approve Resolution for Visit Delco Tourism Grant**

Moved **D.B.** Seconded **W.F.** Motion Passed

Old Business –

- **Traffic Calming – No updates at this time.**
- **The Town Hall Meeting will be scheduled and announced at the Legislative meeting.**
- **Council Chambers Decorum**
- **Adjournment – 9:24 p.m.**

Upcoming Meeting: Legislative, Thursday, May 21, 2026

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